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EVOLUTION or REVOLUTION

This wildly French 1957 Voisin Biscooter was a bit of both with a combination of manic confusion

The French Connection

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PRESIDENT'S PRATTLING

Hi All, DON'T FORGET

OUR APRIL MEETING IS OUR AGM. THURS 28th. I hope you have given some consideration to what you can do to help run our Club. I hope all will come along to support all those who have contributed during 2015/16 and have your say in who will be the office holders for 2016/17. Also it is your opportunity to comment on the activities of our Club during the last year. HOPE TO SEE AS MANY AS POSSIBLE AT THE AGM on Thurs 28th April.

I stated in our last month's mag that I would not be nominating for the office of President for the coming year. I have after many approaches changed my mind and I will be nominating for the office of President for 2016/17 at the AGM.

We have several activities planned for the next few weeks: **April 9th** will be the celebration of the meeting of the English and French explorers at Victor Harbor. We have been asked to bring along as many French cars as possible to display at the celebration. More info in this magazine—we will be meeting at Mt Compass by 8.30am. and heading off to meet the Event Guide. Come along and bring your French car. **April 17th** is the McLaren Vale Vintage and Classic festival. Details of our meeting point, so we can all be together in the Grand Parade will be provided at our March meeting.

May 15th—Run to Mannum and BBQ lunch at the Donaldson's—again details should be in this magazine and we hope to see you there.

Looking forward to catching up with many of you at our upcoming activities, but particularly at our AGM (Pizza supper will be provided at the AGM).

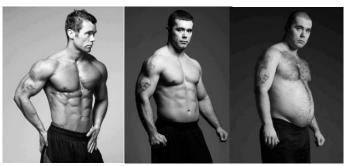
Also, If anyone knows how to contact Bill Crowe's family please lets me know as I have been unable to contact them

Happy Motoring, Trevor Donaldson

FORGET the 6 PACK

Let's go all the way and build a keg

***Like real men with a strong hand shake ***
gained from holding high MANY a great PINT



WE WON'T MENTION BRAIN CELL LOSS, DIABETES OR LIVER DAMAGE

(I have played around with these photos that I have taken from a great article presented by "Musclesecret" that tells us how to look like the bloke on the left. Oh well!!)

GUEST SPOT NOTE meeting starts at 730 sharp

COMING EVENTS

Saturday April 9th—Victor Harbor Celebration Club members to gather firstly in Mt Compass by 8.00am sharp at the Service Station and then off to the WELCOME TO VICTOR HARBOR sign—"Information Bay" on the left entering Victor Harbor leading in from Mt Compass. Please arrive at the Victor Information Bay by 8.30 am.

The Event pilot will then direct our cavalcade to the area set aside for French Cars.

Sunday April 17th— Mclaren Vale Classic Cars *Club members to gather at the Visitor's Centre as you enter McLaren Vale from the city. Arrive there by 8.00am so that we may all travel together in cavalcade to the chosen winery.

Sunday May 15th—Annual Run to Mannum Having lunch at the Donaldson's (Depending on whether the Stork delivers us with "another little Trevor" in time). For address give Trevor a call.

AND LEST WE not FORGET

The AGM

which is just around the corner!!!

Please make sure you come to the

AGM which will be held at our club

meeting of APRIL 28TH 7.30pm

All committee positions will be open and available for selection.

President/Vice President
Secretary, Treasurer, Editor
Plus 4 Required Committee Members
* Please consider if who you want to
be nominated for one of these positions and let Trevor know that you
would like to offer your services.
Bring your nomination Form which is
here on page 12 already filled out on
the night of the AGM stating who
you are nominating for the positions
available so that the night moves
along quickly.



CLUB INVOVLEMENT

Victor Harbor Festival April 9th

Graham Philp, the Mayor of the City of Victor Harbor has invited our club to participate in this event. At our last club meeting 10 members said they would bring vehicles along so please come along... it is important

GATHERING POINT: Coming from Adelaide, we are meeting 8.00 am sharp at Mt Compass by the Petrol Station and then driving via the Mt Compass Road to the entrance of Victor Harbor where the "WELCOME TO VICTOR" sign is and the INFORMATION BAY on the left as you enter.

And being at the Victor entrance Information Bay by 8.30am where one of the event organisers will lead us into an area reserved for French Vehicles so that we have arrived in time to participate in the opening ceremony representing the French

This is a great promotion for our club with us being "the important half" of the French/English meeting all those years ago. TV cameras will be there so Please be on time You won't have to stay there all day and there will be food and drinks available near the event area.

The Editor's Report

Hi again all, hope that none of you have been caught getting in trouble ... Note I said caught :)

We had a great committee meeting the other night. It was one of those meetings that was full of body and oddly enough, order. The gains of the meeting will be shared with you at our coming meeting March 31st.

I am looking forward to both the McLaren Vale run and the Victor Harbor Festival. Having been to the McLaren Vale run before I know that is a great one to be at and the City of Victor Harbor will really put on a show for this special occasion.

Be there or be square

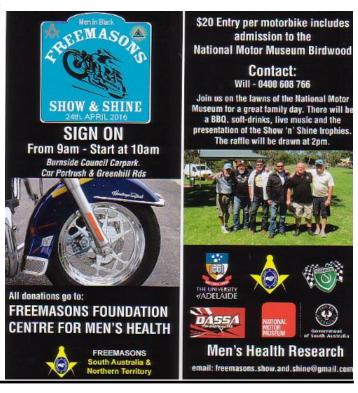
I care for both men and women's health and we all want to stay healthy and be active. Thankfully there has been great news in the papers this week stating massive break throughs in the work against breast cancer and dementia.

The Motor Bike ride advertised here gives 100% of the money raised to men's Health Research. Come along with you bike or car and have a great day.

Donations: A.N.Z. Men in Black BSB 015210a/c219729875

All donations tax deductable Jeff

Cheers, Jeff - Editor CAF



1957 Voisin Biscooter

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder

Gabriel Voisin was a true eccentric genius. A brilliant engineer, he walked his own road through the twentieth century, being inon the birth of aviation and building magnificent classical cars in the twenties and thirties. His company Aeromechanique was taken over by engine builders Gnome and Rhone during the turbulent 40s

He designed a very minimalist vehicle using all of his skill and knowledge of aircraft construction. Its Motor Show debut resulted in over 1,000 orders taken, but Voisin was in conflict over the project with the G&R Directors with Gnome & Rhone building only 16 exam-



ples in the summer of 1949. In October 1950 it was redesigned to include low body sides, and in 1951 got a larger 197cc Villiers engine.

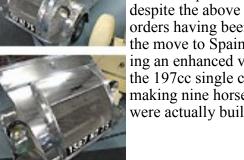


Viosin sold the licence in June 1953 to the manufacture Autonacional SA in Barcelona, who renamed it Biscuter and went on to build a questionable number of vehicles.

This unique car which is on view in the museum has a very special cabrio bodywork with circular doors. It was build as a special four-seater, possibly as a prototype in the year of 1957 although technically a C-31, this particular car was never mass produced.



The 1957 Biscooter C31 was not able to be put into production despite the above mentioned 1,000 orders having been received. After the move to Spain including offering an enhanced version including the 197cc single cylinder engine making nine horse-power, only 16 were actually built.





Manufacturer: Aeromecanique, Paris, France

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	Model: C-31 Biscooter	Motor: Villiers	Body: Aluminum Monocoque
	Years Built: 1949-53	No. Cylinders: 1	Chassis: None
	No. Produced:16	Displacement: 197 cc	Suspension Front: Coil
100	No. Surviving: Very Few	Horsepower: 9	Suspension Rear: Coil
	Length: 2 570 mm	Gearbox: 3 + rev	Steering: Rack & Pinion
1	Width: 1 210 mm	Starter: Dynastart	Brakes: Cable,rear
1	Weight: 240 kg	Electrics: 12 v	Wheels: 4.00 x 8"
	Interior: 4 seats	Ignition: Coil	Top Speed: 55 kph

CLUB AUTOMOBILE FRANCAIS 'S SOCIAL COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO THE BEST PICNIC SPOT IN MANNUM

SUNDAY 15th MAY 2016

Join us for a BBQ Lunch at the Donaldsons 'shack'

BYO Food and Drinks (Kathy & Trevor will provide condiments)

Time: Arrival at the Donaldsons 11.00 am onwards

Directions: Arrive in Mannum, cross the river, 1st turn right (Khartoum Rd.)

Then 50m to shack 7 - it has a "Retired" sign over the rollerdoor.

Look for French Flag or some French Cars

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

PS. Please bring chairs and tables. There is plenty of shade and/or shelter from the weather.

VALERIE, HALINKA AND ANNE



The MYSTERY BREAKFAST RUN Photos

The above photos that should have gone into last month's magazine along with the fantastic article that Don wrote which I placed in last month's magazine (the March magazine). The photos obviously got lost in cyber space somewhere.

If you would like to refresh you memory by reviewing the article in last month's magazine, it was a really good club day. Pull out last month's magazine and have a read. Thanks Don for sharing these photos. What a great way to start Valentines Day.



FROM THE LIST OF MOST BIZARRE VEHICLES EVER MADE

For those interested in engineering and fun THIS BAGO Hi AEROLITE ALPINE 1 seater bicycle is a pedal powered submarine resembling an aeroplane which confuses both big and small fish: No shark issues and is ideal for Tour De France training. You have extra oxygen tanks on board that will give you extended time for those leg muscles to work-out. What more could you ask for!! If peddle glory is not your aim, here is an escape from your weekly crush with a seated view of a world far away from your daily struggle: Fitness included. Human power gives this unit 6 kph which is faster than a scuba diver. The twits who came up with this humorous concept have even gone to the effort of offering a TOY MODEL that you can play with in the bath along with your rubber duckie. Sounds absolutely great and one not to miss out on.



Worth diving

into the waters off France
Or anywhere for that matter





Peugeot launch their new GTi

Here we have the 270 series with upgraded drivetrain that develops an extra 16kw (200kw total) with peak torque extended to between 19—5,500 rpm. To handle this load, they have strengthened the six speed Manual gearbox and included a Torsen Limited–slip differential (LSD).

Included also is a firmer and a more responsive power steering, Peugeot Sport-tuned suspension with a 11mm drop in ride height with bespoke suspension geometry. The 19inch 'Carbon' light weight alloy wheels with Michelin Super Sport 235/35/ R 19 9 1Y tyres are pulled to a halt by the upgraded 380mm four piston front braking package.

Again we find the Driver Sport Pack which is still operated via a button on the centre console. At a single press, you receive an amplified sportier engine note. Immediately the instrument display turns into a hot red illumination with readouts for power and torque delivery. You are set back in your seat by the turbo boost, longitudinal and transverse acceleration. Adding to these gains is a more responsive electronic accelerator pedal mapping that offers greater connection between you and the pedal.

Peugeot hasn't only cared about performance. They have now applied a unique GTi front and rear bumper set with equaliser grille and red highlights (chrome highlight on Ultimate Red and Coupe Franche). While you sit comfortably in the front on your Peugeot Sport's high-back seats, you are eased with their electric lumbar support and massage function. With all of this class and action, a sophisticated growl reaches out from the dual-circular chrome exhausts that impresses all: A sound that turns heads as you pass by and disappear into the cool distance.

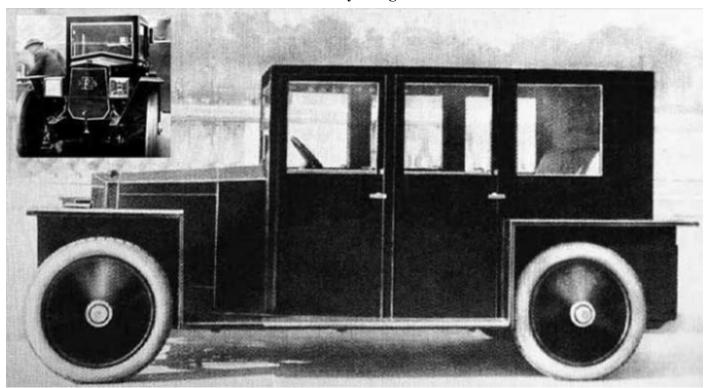
Chatting with Mark Evans from Australian Motors Peugeot, he said this vehicle on show is a worthwhile contender at \$54,990 drive away with a 5 year or 75,000 km Capped Price service warranty

Give Mark a call on 1300 854 381 confirming details above and offers available. These cars have both character and comfort delivering both excitement and leisure.

Jeff—CAF Editor

1923 WHEN SQUARE WAS HOT in the Paris Motor Show

Maleval et Vacher takes the cake with this body being one of their unconventional vehicles



This Panhard Levasser 10 CV Cubist was designed by an obviously wealthy and extraverted hairdresser named Antoine Cierplikowski (1884—1976).

After designing his masterpiece, Antoine went on to have it built by coach builders Maleval et Lacher with the vehicle being placed in the 1923 Paris Motor Show. This project in the art world could be described "as a study" - In the motor vehicle field, a concept car... an adventure.

1922 was the period where Art Nouveau in Paris was at its zenith. Within this artistic genre, a couple of "subcultures" including Cubism occurred. Here we see how Antoine reached into this art form to create his magnificent automobile. During the last century, he was classed as the Premier Hairdresser. This Polish genius came to Paris opening his salon Antoine de Paris where he became known as Monsieur Antoine. He also created The Bob, The Perm, was the first to tint grey hair to blue and tinge isolated elements within a hairdo blending as streaked highlights which is still in high fashion across the world today.





Renault Views the Electric Future



Though not yet available in Australia, Renault has successfully launched a range of 100% electric vehicles around the world and every day more people are switching to electric vehicles and discovering the benefits of zero emission driving. These vehicles offer an amazing driving experience leaving smiles and a taste of the future of the automobile. Although not available here yet, the company is working at bringing them into the country.

ELECTRIC VECHILES NOW AVAILABLE OVERSEAS

KANGOO Z.E.



Kangoo Z E is an electric version of the Kangoo van, designed with both business owners and fleets in mind. It hopefully will be available for us in Australia soon.

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Twizy is pure fun. Revolutionary design and attitude offering you complete fun and freedom.

ZOE



Zoe is an electric vehicle for everyday use with tomorrows technology to take care of both you and your environment now.

With the Kangoo, Renault is carrying out ZE trials with Australia Post. This will aid the evaluation process which at this stage has not yet been completed regarding commercial availability in Australia. Results gained will assist in costing estimates and when completed will show if the introduction of these vehicles into the Australian market is a viable option for Renault.

The Renault EVs have been sold in the UK for approximately 2 years, so there is a large amount of information to be found about them when searched across the net. For more information, visit www.renault.com.uk.

Just a foot note: I stumbled across a photo of Stirling Moss driving what really did look like a Twizy. This was rather humorous to see after having seen the hot racing performances he carried out all those years ago. On Ya' Stirling.



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RENAULT CONCEPT MOVES FORWARD

2016 Renault has a variety of concept cars ranging from domestic vehicles, a wild cross country range to racing models. When concept comes into street reality, a magnificent car is presented for us all to enjoy. This 4 x 4 delivers additional versatility while offering a stylish yet truly demanding character





CLUB AUTOMOBILE FRANCAIS SOCIAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2016

Apr. 9 th	Victor Harbor Festival – Soldiers Memorial Reserve * PRE EVENT MEETING PLACE as per Club event notice on page 4			
Apr. 17 th	McLaren Vale Classic Cars			
Apr. 28th	AGM to be held at the Club Rooms. Pizza nibbles included			
May 15 th	Annual Run to Mannum – BBQ Lunch at the Donaldsons			
June 18 th	Club Social Night at the Club Rooms			
July 16	Bastille Day Dinner			
July 24	Rear-Engine Run			
July 31st	Annual Swap Meet			
Aug. 7th	Thank-you Lunch for Volunteers of Swap Meet Buckingham Arms Hotel – Walkerville			
Aug. 14 th	Economy Run with Lunch to follow			
Sept. 11 th	Fort Glanville & Largs Police Academy Tours Lunch Largs Pier Hotel			
25^{th}	Bay to Birdwood Vintage Cars			
Oct. 16 th	Barossa Run			
$28^{th} - 30^{th}$	Car SE Clubs Weekend at Kingston SE			
Nov.	Stirling Markets - Lunch Stirling Hotel (date to be announced)			
	All French Car Day (date to be announced)			
Dec. 11 th	Christmas Lunch – Hahndorf Old Mill - Hahndorf			
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Web Sites of interest to French car fans

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